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you're recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President. We're going to change the agenda right now to go to a motion to suspend the rules to accommodate a number of appointments that have been received by the Legislature at the end of last week, and the committees have received those proposed appointments and many of them want to deal with them before we adjourn sine die, and there will be no opportunity do so unless we suspend the rules to shorten up the time frame for the notice of the hearings on the appointments. Otherwise, we'll have no opportunity until we come back into session next January, which is not the most desirable alternative, I don't think, for these appointments. Secondly, while I'm speaking to you, I would like to simply announce this afternoon it is our intent to recess when we're done with this rules suspension motion until 2:00 p.m. That will allow the Appropriations Committee to meet for a little while on the veto override considerations, and we would anticipate that when we return at 2:00 we would take up whatever motions are filed. And if there's a motion to override on LB 407, that would be first; LB 759 would be second; and LB 540 would be third. And when we're done with that, depending on the time and the will of the body, we can return to our agenda, although certainly the will of the body in that regard certainly will prevail. That's all I have to say. That's the...Senator Engel filed the rules suspension motion and he is here, but I think that's the explanation for it. If he would have anything else to add, that certainly would be fine. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Speaker Bromm. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Engel would move to suspend Rule 3, Section 13, for today so as to permit scheduling of public hearings on certain gubernatorial appointees referred to Standing Committee for confirmation hearing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think it's very important that we do this, and I just recommend that you